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EIGHT NAMES TO BE ADDED TO MEMORIAL WALL

BY EUGENE DUBOIS

Plaques commemorating eight more newsmen who have given their lives in covering their assignments overseas will be added to the 110 names on the Memorial Wall on the tenth floor of the OPC Clubhouse. They will be unveiled Monday, May 27, at ceremonies starting at 5:15 p.m. in the presence of friends, associates and any kin who may be able to attend.

Plans for this latest, and largest, addition to the growing list of correspondents, photographers and others who

have died on the ground, at sea or in the air in Viet Nam or elsewhere have been announced by OPC Past-President *Burnet Hershey*, for the President's Committee.

Those to be honored include:

Michael Y. Birch, 24, correspondent for the Australian Associated Press, killed at Saigon, May 5.

John R. Cantwell, 30, correspondent for Time magazine, killed at Saigon, May 5.

Charles R. Eggleston, 23, photographer for UPI, killed at Saigon, May 6.

Robert J. Ellison, 23, photographer on assignment for Newsweek magazine, missing and presumed killed at Khe Sanh, March 4.

Klaus Frings, 32, photographer for

AP, killed at Munich, April 15.

Ronald B. Laramy, 31, correspondent for Reuters, killed at Saigon, May 5.

Hiromichi Mine, 27, photographer for UPI, killed at Saigon, May 5.

Bruce Pigott, 23, assistant bureau chief for Reuters, killed at Saigon, May 5.

The proceedings on May 27 will be opened by *Hal Lehrman*, OPC President. Hershey will then speak briefly about each of the men being honored and introduce the representatives of their news services or magazines who will unveil the tablets. *Edgar Ansel Mowrer*, veteran Pulitzer Prize-winning correspondent for the Bell-McClure Syndicate, will speak on the meaning of the sacrifices

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THE COST SQUEEZE

The Board of Governors at its May 27 meeting will have to confront (as all the world must) the spiraling cost of living.

Since OPC moved into its present quarters in 1961, all costs have risen at least 20% — and some more than 50%.

The following items which make up the greatest part of this increase show why a substantial increase in the Club's dues structure must be faced.

(Fiscal year ended April 30)

	1962	1968	Increase
Wages	\$278,679	\$346,271	\$67,592
Rent	27,000	36,300	9,300
Real Estate Taxes	15,599	21,245	5,646
Social Security Taxes	9,248	16,740	7,492
Totals	\$330,526	\$420,556	\$90,030

In addition, the cost of maintenance, repair and many miscellaneous charges, which lengthen the red-ink side of the OPC's balance sheet, have increased at the same alarming rate.

Casualties on Rise in Saigon Area

By DICK ROSENBAUM

SAIGON — Fourteen members of the Saigon press corps are listed as casualties at the end of the first week of the latest Viet Cong offensive here.

One newsman is still listed as missing. He is Ignazio Excurra, 28, a correspondent for *La Nacion* of Buenos Aires. Ezcurra was riding with a group of Western newsmen through Cholon when he decided to walk through the area. He has not been seen or heard from since.

As reported in last week's *Bulletin*, five Saigon newsmen were killed during the first two days of the attacks. They were Bruce Pigott and Ron Laramy of Reuters, John Cantwell of Time-Life, Michael Birch of Australian Associated Press and Charles Eggleston of UPI.

Eight are reported wounded, including Hong King-based Pat Lett, ABC-TV news cameraman wounded in the abdomen and left middle finger. Lett was on a

sweep with Vietnamese Army Rangers west of Saigon when he was wounded. he remains in the US Army's 93rd Evacuation Hospital in Long Binh. Another reporter, Ron Milligan of Westinghouse Broadcasting, also was wounded while covering the Vietnamese Rangers. Ron is now back at work.

A UPI cameraman, Ho Van Thuong, was wounded while covering the fighting in Western Saigon.

Also wounded during the first two days of the fighting in and near the capital city were Co Rentmeester of *Life* and Jean Yves Gautron of Reporters Associes of Paris, and freelancer Arthur Greenspon.

All of the casualties except one occurred in Saigon. ABC-TV cameraman Tran Duc Suu received minor shrapnel wounds in his face and shoulders while with the 101st Airborne near Hue. Suu also was wounded during the Tet Offensive. He is now back on the job.

Annual Reports

Following are some of the reports submitted by Club committees at the Annual Meeting.

HOMECOMING FORUM

Foreign correspondents, coming home from their posts abroad, are seldom at a loss for words. But I think that many of us have, from time to time, experienced a shortage of listeners. One gets ready to deliver a pronouncement about the situation in Eastern Thrace, clears his throat, and finds the conversation suddenly has turned to the miniskirt situation on Fifth Avenue.

Thus the Homecoming Forum was conceived in 1967 by the OPC's new administration. It was designed to give the returning correspondent a chance not only to clear his throat, but to say something. Not only that, but to give him an audience more or less pledged to keep quiet for 20 or 30 minutes and, at the very least, to pretend to listen to his views with deep attention.

He could thus "debrief" himself, in the words of *Hal Lehrman*, get off his chest some of the things he hadn't gotten around to previously or didn't want to put in writing, and answer questions from enlightened listeners.

The Homecoming Forum was first under the chairmanship of *Dick Johnston*, who had to relinquish the job because of the press of other duties and assignments. The undersigned took his place in mid-summer.

There have been, to date, five such Forums, all lively, well-attended and in my view thoroughly worthwhile. *John Hughes*, the Hong Kong-based Pulitzer Prize winner of *The Christian Science Monitor*, was the trail-blazer with an excellent analysis of Southeast Asia, including Viet Nam, on Sept. 26. *George Weller* of *The Chicago Daily News* returned from Rome and the Middle East as the next speaker, on Oct. 4. His topic was "Cause and Aftermath in the Middle East."

There followed, on Dec. 5, a sensitive and articulate report from Viet Nam by *Sol Sanders* of the *US News and World Report*, back from his base in Bangkok for a fellowship of the Council on Foreign Relations.

Steve McCormick, vice-president in charge of news for the Mutual Broadcasting System, gave a forthright eyewitness account of the start of the Tet offensive in Viet Nam in a Forum appearance on Feb. 20. On Feb. 29, *Waverley Root*, back from Paris, told us what was good — not bad — in Franco-American relations.

That's where we stand now.

The five Forum speakers were by no

means the only volunteers.

Several other OPCers offered to appear but could not because of conflicting schedules or other technical difficulties.

Several prospects are in line now for future appearances.

One problem has been coordinating — or failing to coordinate — the Forum appearances with possible dates out of town, a matter in the hands of the Lecture Committee and not the Homecoming Forum. The out-of-town dates require advance notice of at least two months. This many returning OPC members find difficult to give. We can line up a Forum with as little as three weeks' notice.

Webb McKinley

FREEDOM OF THE PRESS

Activities of the Freedom of the Press Committee are not ordinarily characterized by notable achievements in the usual sense, and the five months during which I have been chairman are no exception. No correspondent has been released from jail, no correspondent has been readmitted to a country from which he was expelled, and no government has apologized for or rescinded any action abridging what we understand as freedom of the press because of any action directly attributable to the Overseas Press Club.

The committee cabled protests to the foreign governments concerned in the following three cases:

1. The expulsion of *Tad Szulc* of *The New York Times* and Roger Stone of *Time* magazine and the harassment of AP and UPI correspondents in Lisbon by the Portuguese government in December.

2. The expulsion of Everett Martin of *Newsweek* by the South Vietnamese government in January.

3. The detention of Greek publisher Helen Vlachos by the Greek government in October (while *John Wilhelm* was still chairman of the committee).

In addition, I called the Passport Office in Washington in January regarding the delay in issuing a passport valid for Cuba to one David Conde, an American correspondent in Tokyo representing a Canadian magazine and several British newspapers in Hong Kong, who had assignments from them to cover a cultural congress in Cuba. The passport had already been issued to Conde several days before my call.

The committee declined to protest the expulsion of two other American newsmen after investigation by their organizations failed to produce clear-cut cases of press freedom abridgement.

We have several other cases of general nature pending. All of them involve

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LONDON REUNION: A MEMORY-FILLED 'FAMILY' PARTY

By HELEN ALPERT

A select family party, all of whose members are intimately bound by the brotherhood of memory, filled the OPC dining room Friday for a reunion evening of reminiscences.

The occasion was the 27th anniversary of London's WWII "travail by bombing," as *Edward R. Murrow* had put it. Distinguished London-based British and American war correspondents came to re-travel the decades and to hallow the reunion with personal testimonials to London, to each other, and to *Edward R. Murrow* and *George Hicks*, "the gentle giant."

Welcoming the family group to dinner was *Mary Hornaday*, herself an alumna of wartime London, in her first official role as newly-elected OPC First Vice-President.

John MacVane, UN correspondent for ABC, led the round-robin of informal reminiscences from the dais, introducing in turn BBC's *Anthony Wigan*, *Gordon Fraser* of NBC, *Jim Greenfield*, *Westinghouse Broadcasting*, and *Bob Estabrook*, UN correspondent for the *Washington Post*.

Chief speaker was Sir *William Haley*, knighted for his heroic record as WWII editor-in-chief and director general of BBC. Now editor-in-chief of *Encyclopaedia Britannica*, Sir *William* saluted his audience and Sen. *William Benton* at ringside by noting: "It is a tragedy that terrible things like war bring us together, while peace allows us to drift apart."

Chairman of the Reunion Committee, oldest OPC committee, is *Ed Cunningham*, assisted this year by *Paul Wright*, British Information chief, *Ruth Stark*, who sent pitchers of *Whitbread beer*, and *British Travel Association*.

FUND FLYER FINALLY FLIES

A leaflet describing the services of the Correspondents Fund is included in this mailing of *The Bulletin*.

This is the flyer which was to have been inserted in an earlier *Bulletin* mailing but which was withdrawn at the last minute to make room for an emergency flyer.

NY Column and Its Columnists Due For Salute From the Club

Some famous byliners will be at the Club June 5, when the OPC salutes Manhattan's new paper, *The New York Daily Column*, and its contributors.

Many of the sixty syndicated writers and political cartoonists who appear in the two-month old paper will be on the dais for the dinner (preceded by a reception). Twelve of them are past presidents and officers of the OPC.

Their message will be, essentially, that the new paper plans to be around for a long, long time. The new paper's ambitions, and a view of its place and need on the New York newspaper scene also will be discussed.

Among those expected at the dinner will be contributors Walter Winchell, Bob Considine, Victor Riesel, Jack O'Brian, Roscoe Drummond and Harry

Golden, as well as some of the new paper's executives.

"We are grateful, indeed, to the Overseas Press Club for its support and for the boost given to us by this special welcome," publisher Jerry Finkelstein said. "The Daily Column is a young, healthy paper, and we are immensely proud of our contributors. It is great to feel that we have been accepted by the community; it is an even greater pleasure to be accepted by the profession."

OPC President Hal Lehrman will preside at the function, being produced by Past President Will Yolen, a member of Whit Burnett's Program Council. The event grew out of an idea sparked by OPC Governor (and *Daily Column* writer) Irene Corbally Kuhn.

The paper's list of contributors

reads like a "Who's Who" of syndication journalism. Besides those already mentioned, it includes:

Robert Allen and Paul Scott, Joseph Alsop, Jerome Agel, Phyllis Battelle, Charles Bartlett, Betty Beale, Poppy Cannon, Oleg Cassini, John Chamberlain, Marquis Childs, John Crosby, Jeanne Dixon, Stanton Delaplane, Dorothy Draper, Hy Gardner, Joyce Haber, Edith Head, Eric Hoffer, Robert Hutchins, Russell Kirk, Ann Landers, David Lawrence, Joe Livingston, Don MacLean, Dorothy Manners, Ralph McGill, Marianne Means, Eugene Miller, Raymond Moley, Edward P. Morgan, Milton Moscowitz, Edgar Ansel Mowrer, Jim Murray, William Pahlmann, Charles Rensselaer, Inez Robb, Carl Rowan, Elmer Roessner, Joseph R. Slevin, Roger Spear, Martin Steadman, Henry J. Taylor, William S. White, Emily Wilkins, Whitney Young, Eliot Janeway and Jack Zanger.

President of the new enterprise is Newton Glekel, former President of Divco-Wayne Corp.; Executive Vice President is Theodore Feit; Editor, William Taylor, former news Editor of *The New York Herald Tribune*; Consulting Editor, Myron Kandel, former Financial Editor of *The Tribune* and now Editor, *The New York Law Journal*; and Len Safir, Assistant to the Publisher.

NEW YORK SCENE

Mon., May 20 - "Meet the Team" Reception. Members' get-together with 1968-69 Officers and Board of Governors. Hot hors d'oeuvre, cash bar. 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

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Mon., May 27 - Memorial Wall Service for correspondents recently killed in Viet Nam and Germany. 5:15 p.m.

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Tues., May 28 - Edward R. Murrow World Affairs Forum, "The Siege of Khe Sanh," with Col. David E. Lownds, USMC Regimental Commander at Khe Sanh. 12:30 p.m. \$4.50.

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Wed., June 5 - The New York Daily Column personality evening. Reception for outstanding contributors to New York's new evening paper. Cocktails 6:30 p.m.; dinner 7:30. \$6.00. (See story above).

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Schutzer Retrospective

Thurs., June 6 - Photographic Exhibit Opening, "In Memoriam - Paul Schutzer." Reception, ballroom, 6:30 p.m.

A collection of photographs by the late *Life* photographer, Paul Schutzer, will be presented on the first anniversary of his death in the Mideast war. Present will be his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hyman B. Schutzer, and his widow, Bernice, as well as many friends and colleagues.

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Wed., June 19 - Edward R. Murrow World Affairs Forum, Luncheon, with Undersecretary of State Nicholas Katzenbach, on the dedication of the Murrow Memorial Library and Ruth Houghton Axe Press Room. Open House (Library) 6:00 p.m.; dinner 7:30 p.m. \$6.00.

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Program Note: The story of Ghana's new hardwon approach to economic and political stability is told on "International Interview" program this Wednesday at 10 p.m. (Channel 31, UHF), when UN Ambassador Richard M. Akwei of Ghana is interviewed by Maurice Adams, Sydney (Australia) *Morning Herald*; Valerie Gerry, *Newsweek* Associate Editor and UN correspondent, and James Sheldon, Club treasurer and political writer. The program is produced by Sylvia Taylor in cooperation with the OPC.

All reservations not cancelled 24 hours in advance will be charged to member's accounts.

'OPC NIGHT' SET AT SOCCER MATCH

It will be OPC Night at Yankee Stadium Friday, July 26, when the New York Generals Soccer Club plays host to OPCers and their families.

Members and their guests will sit in choice group spots in the Stadium to watch the game - when the Generals play the Kansas City Spurs in a North American Soccer League match at 8 p.m.

Mail reservations, through Frank O'Rourke at the Club, should be made early.

Both teams have many world-renowned players from abroad. The Generals' roster includes players from England, Argentina, Jamaica, Trinidad and Haiti; the Spurs have a similar lineup.

William F. Goodrich, PR man for the Generals, is cooperating with President Hal Lehrman in setting up the OPC night.

Hilsman Guesses What Might Have Been Under JFK

By RALPH LEVITON

Roger Hilsman, Columbia University professor, former Assistant Secretary of State for Far Eastern Affairs in the Kennedy administration, and author of the new book, *To Move A Nation* (Doubleday), got a generally favorable review at the OPC's last Book Night of the current season.

Panelist *Arnold Beichman*, freelance writer and Ph.D candidate at Columbia, said he was favorably impressed with the book but thought Hilsman was a little over-optimistic and a little too charitable to the Kennedy administration. The other panelist, Seth King of *The New York Times*, said Hilsman's book was fair in its criticism of the press.

Hilsman said he wrote the book, subtitled, "The Politics of Foreign Policy in the Administration of John F. Kennedy," for three reasons:

First, to describe the politics of policy making;

Second, to present a history of foreign policy matters with which he was concerned during his State Dept. tour of duty;

Third, to show "the kind of guy Kennedy was and the way things happened in Washington."

Disagreement

Hilsman said he was in fundamental disagreement with the Asian policy of President Johnson and Secretary of State Dean Rusk. He said he has reason to believe that had President Kennedy not been assassinated, *Averell Harriman* would have been appointed Secretary of State.

King asked the author if anyone in Washington had learned anything from the recent events in Asia.

Hilsman's reply: "Some people in Washington have learned something. But the people in power — no!"

He said he sees Viet Nam primarily as a political problem, not a military problem. The State Dept. sees it as a military problem, he added.

Hilsman, who wore a Kennedy campaign button and may be candidate for a State Dept. assignment should the brother of the late President make it to the White House, was high in his praise of RFK. Robert Kennedy's judgment at the time of the Cuban missile crisis, he said, was "the coolest" in the Cabinet.

Hilsman also recalled Robert Ken-



SUBJECT, ASIA: Author Roger Hilsman (center) talks with panelist *Arnold Beichman* (right) before start of Book Night on Hilsman's *To Move a Nation*. Jack Raymond looks on. Beichman had just come in from the front at Columbia University, hence the blue fatigues.

(Lisa Hoffman photo)

nedy's mission to Indonesia during his brother's administration. He was to talk Sukarno out of an invasion of Malaysia and New Guinea. Kennedy's mission was successful, he said; the Southeast Asians generally were convinced that Kennedy understood them and was sympathetic to them.

Hampering Factors

US policies and actions in Viet Nam have been hampered by two factors, Hilsman continued. For one, he charged, the US didn't completely understand the culture of the Vietnamese. Also, it was (and is) difficult to get the disparate agencies and sections of the government to work together for one goal.

Hilsman said that President Kennedy had wanted to limit our involvement in Viet Nam. He didn't want the number of US troops in Viet Nam to exceed the ratio of US personnel in Laos, which had received economic and military aid and advisors.

Compared to Viet Nam, the solution to the Laotian problem was relatively simple, Hilsman continued. In Laos, he said, there was a middle ground — a "neutral" Souvanna Phouma to whom both sides could turn for compromise. In Viet Nam, said Hilsman, there is "no such animal."

Predicting long, drawn-out negotia-

tions with the North Vietnamese, the author said the next president will inherit this problem. The US may have to build a "collective Souvanna Phouma," he added.

Among the difficulties, according to Hilsman: the National Liberation Front (NLF) will refuse to deal with Thieu and Ky and it will be difficult to get the latter to agree to broader-based government with NLF representation.

Dorothy Gordon moderated the Book Night session. Chairman *Anita Diamant Berke* presided.

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of these correspondents and photographers, following which a strong resolution will be introduced at the meeting denouncing the Viet Cong atrocity which caused the death of the four British and Australian men at Saigon May 5. This resolution will be transmitted to Ambassador *Averell Harriman* and the members of the US delegation attending the peace talks in Paris.

An honor guard of US Marines will participate in the ceremonies, which will conclude with a benediction by Captain George A. Wright, USN, senior chaplain for the Third Naval District, and the sounding of Taps by a Marine bugler.

PHOTOGRAPHER'S HEROISM SAVES A SOLDIER

SAIGON — Dang Van Phuoc, AP photographer who has been wounded three times in combat, laid his life on the line again May 10 to save a badly wounded American soldier.

Other newsmen and US infantrymen gave this account:

Phuoc, riding his red motorcycle looking for action, arrived at the command post of A Company of the US Ninth Infantry Division as the troops prepared to kick off a drive through a Viet Cong-held shanty-town on the southern edge of Saigon.

The area, south of the Kinh Doi Canal, had been a battle arena for the past three days and all the civilians had fled. Only guerrillas remained, concealed in the rubble.

US helicopter gunships raked the smoldering ruins again and then a 10-man point squad moved out. It got 10 yards from the shell-battered stucco house that was the company command post when the guerrillas laid down a curtain of fire.

As the point squad inched its way back, enemy snipers ringing the command post on three sides began a tattoo of fire that would last for hours.

Two armored personnel carriers lumbered down the road to support the company and a platoon sergeant and radioman dashed into the open to pinpoint the enemy positions for the carrier 50 caliber machineguns.

The two men had covered 20 yards when a grenade burst between them.

The sergeant was hit in the side and right leg, the radioman in the back.

Call for Help

Two medics ran up to a cluster of nine men crouching behind the cement wall of a ruined house but the snipers continued peppering the ground around the two wounded men, who were crying for help.

"Nobody wanted to go out there," a newsman said, "and then Phuoc told the medics, 'Follow me, I know where they are,' and he took off."

The medics followed Phuoc, grabbed the sergeant and carried him to the temporary shelter of a demolished house.

Phuoc, who weighs 115 pounds in a flak jacket with four cameras around his neck, pulled the radioman's arms around his shoulders, struggled to his feet, and started back.

Woody Dickerman of New York City, a correspondent for *Newsday* of Long Island, New York, saw Phuoc as he stumbled around a corner in the final five-yard plunge into the command post.

"Phuoc was bent double — the kid he had on his back must have weighed 180 pounds," Dickerman said.

Medical evacuation choppers couldn't come in because of the intense enemy fire and the company commander directed several men to carry the wounded to the armored personnel carriers for transportation to the rear.

Running Interference

Phuoc went out ahead, spotting for



UNDER FIRE: AP photographer Dan Van Phuoc risked sniper fire in Viet Nam to rescue a badly wounded American soldier. Phuoc carried the wounded soldier on his back.

the litter bearers to avoid the snipers.

Then he returned to the command post for his motorcycle to get his film back to the office.

A staff sergeant grabbed his hand and shook it. "Thank you," he said, "you are a good man."

The company commander, a young second lieutenant who had taken command two days earlier when the captain had been wounded, looked up from the radio and saluted.

"Thank you very much," he said.

ALLAH'S ON SIDE OF US NEWSMEN IN JORDAN

By ANDREW BOROWIEC

BEIRUT — In the Jordanian Information Ministry in Amman, Brahim Azzedin picked up his telephone.

"Wallahi," (by God) he said, "I have here an American journalist who wants to go to the front."

The answer was brief and satisfactory. "God be praised," answered Azzedin and hung up, beaming.

"Tomorrow," he said, "you will go to the front if such is God's will."

Allah, while perhaps not necessarily favoring the Jordanian Hashemite throne, is clearly on the side of the American press in Jordan these days.

No Censorship

Censorship has been abolished. Appointments with officials are arranged in no time. Cables work. By God, even the telephone works, too.

The story, alas, is mainly that of human misery and hopeless stalemate. Sprinkled with few Biblical names, it

makes good reading. The Jordanians know it and the reporters know it. In a way, this mutual understanding is a bright spot in the somber Jordanian picture today.

Recent visitors from US media in Jordan included *Drew Middleton* and *Tom Brady* of *The New York Times*; *Joe Alex Morris* of *The Los Angeles Times*; *Al Friendly* of *The Washington Post*, *John Lawton* of UPI and this reporter of *The Washington Evening Star*.

Stanley Bonnett holds the fort for the AP in Amman, commuting between the capital and the Allenby Bridge. Food is bad and female companionship non-existent but, Wallahi, such is the Arab World.

Al Fatah "fedayin" — "those who sacrifice themselves" — are even beginning to sacrifice themselves for press interviews. It is not uncommon for newsmen to encounter the fiery young men in their camouflage uniforms.

After extracting a cigarette or two

from the visitors, the fedayin vow "to die for Palestine" — by God, of course.

Color, Not Headlines

This information hardly makes headlines but, again, it provides color. And reporters feel that they got the word from the right source.

The relationship between the American press and Cairo officialdom continues correct, Allah be praised. This is largely the work of government spokesman Dr. Mohammad Hassan Zayyat and his right-hand man, Kamal Bakr, known more commonly as Camelback.

Camelback has become a reader of *The OPC Bulletin* ever since his nickname was mentioned there by this reporter last November.

"I hope you didn't mind," the reporter asked timidly, already wondering about the next flight out of Cairo.

Camelback grinned from ear to ear.

"I loved it," he said. "Camel is such an endearing animal."

Letters

EMULATE OTHER CLUBS

So long as OPC politicians seek to compete with and copy the National Press Club, they will never be able to unload our "white elephant" building, and dues and assessments will go up and up.

Here are better models to emulate: New York Financial Writers' Assn., and the New York City Reporters Assn. The dues in both organizations are \$25 or less for all types of membership. Neither is saddled with buildings or debts, but both are blessed with loyal active memberships, numerous programs and warm camaraderie.

Arthur M. Merims
New York

THE DISTINGUISHED GIRLS

Although I neither edited *Dateline*: 1968 nor wrote the article on "Les Girls" it has been brought to my attention that two of our most distinguished girls, Sigrid Schultz and Margaret Bourke-White, were not mentioned in this particular piece in *Dateline* on women correspondents.

Both of them certainly deserve an important place in any discussion of women who have covered wars and, as chairman of the *Dateline* Committee, I offer my apologies for this editorial oversight.

K.S. Giniger

THEATER OF OPC

For a vivid new experience in acrimony and contempt, I recommended the OPC's Annual Membership Meeting. The Semi-Annual Meeting, which I also attended, also for the first time, serves a useful need, I see, as a dress rehearsal for the Annual. Tested there are the preliminary barbs for thrust and whether or not they can draw blood. If they cannot, they are discarded.

The disdain for new officers, I note, is matched only by derision and loathing of the old. In a situation that brings officers to re-election, the play of hate doubly compounded is most rewarding and something I shall ever cherish.

In brief: may I suggest that members no longer save up money for a Broadway show, but save their time for an Annual Membership Meeting. Forget Marat/Sade; at the OPC you get a real run in revilement. Reserve your seat now for the performance.

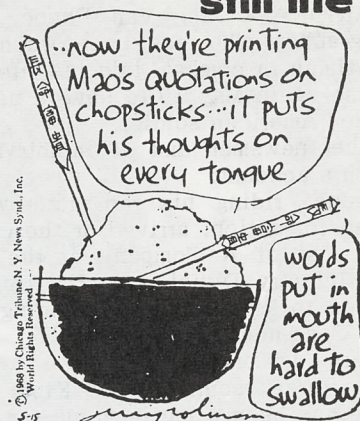
Helen Alpert
New York

CONSTITUTIONAL ALTERATION

I am moved to reply to the solemn reproofs voiced in the letter last week from my distinguished colleague Inez Robb. I am on her side in her condemnatory remarks about that annual blood-letting during our elections. I must, however, admonish her not to go along with the rebukes to *The Bulletin* and all that unfounded talk about "censorship". As a good reporter, she should have

by JERRY ROBINSON

still life*



studied the minutes of the Board of Governors meeting where these "charges" were laid to rest by decisive vote after investigation and debate.

But as regards the elections and their procedures, here I must register my own gripe and to recriminate on my own steam. There is a built-in weakness in the Club laws governing eligibility for office in the top spots. The yardsticks are unrealistic and should be changed in a general sweeping reform of all the electoral laws.

I myself may be a good example of a candidate (not a petitioner) who was elevated to a vice presidency without having devoted a reasonable period of apprenticeship either on the Board or as a chairman of committees. I did serve a year on the OPC Foundation board, However.

But there must be a clear constitutional alteration in the eligibility for top office to insure against mediocrity in these crucial echelons. Mandates to govern must be earned. I urge the Constitutional Committee to undertake these changes at once.

Frank Gervasi,
OPC Vice Pres.
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Communist governments.

As an example of other related activities, I talked at length with Jack Matteson, chief investigator for the House subcommittee on foreign operations and government information (the so-called Moss Committee, or Freedom of Information Committee), and with Sam Archibald, director of the Washington office of the University of Missouri Freedom of Information Center. The subject: The proposal of Chairman William L. Dawson of the House Committee on Government Operations to abolish the Moss Committee.

The most substantive action during the last five months, in my opinion, was the creation of the Freedom of the Press Committee in its present form. In connection with my appointment as chairman in December, Mr. Lehrman and I agreed on some ground rules:

1. The committee would be composed entirely of newsmen, to the exclusion of press agents and publicists.
2. The committee would investigate cases of reported press freedom abridgement to the fullest extent practicable before deciding whether to act.
3. The committee would be formed in two tiers, an advisory group at the top act as a collective executive, and the regular committee itself.

Purpose of the advisory group was to ensure that the decision-making process is distributed widely enough to preclude precipitous action by any one individual while preserving simplicity and speed in decision-making. The regular committee would provide a broader forum for participation.

By guaranteeing that no member of the advisory group would have to attend any meetings, I was able to enlist the help of readily-accessible New York newsmen directly involved with foreign news. The members are: Webb McKinley, head of world services, AP; Roger Tatarian, vice-president, UPI; Seymour Topping, foreign editor, *The New York Times*; William Sheehan, foreign news editor, ABC; Russell Tornabene, news director, NBC; Hal Bruno, chief of correspondents, *Newsweek*; Sid Feingold, telegraph editor, *New York Daily News*; Allan Jackson, newscaster, CBS; Joe Newman, assistant to the publisher, *US News and World Report* (Washington).

Other members of the committee are: Ralph Salazar, UPI; Jack Fallon, foreign editor, UPI; Charles Grummich, AP; Joe Peters, McGraw-Hill World News; Enrique Rojas-Vela, UPI; Paul Freedman, *New York Journal of Commerce*; The Rev. Albert J. Nevins, editor, *Maryknoll Magazine*; Antoon van Zuilen, US correspondent, *Spaarnested International*; Norbert Muhlen, writer and author; Edward A. Walsh, Vatican Radio, Rome.

The two-tier arrangement has worked out extremely well. We are speedily informed of any press freedom abridgement anywhere in the world, we investigate through at least one channel before acting, and we act where we think we should, after consultation between me and each member of the advisory group, whom I can reach by telephone, and between me and the Club president.

There has been no request by any committee member for a committee meeting, and I do not anticipate that meetings will be held. Meetings tend to have more of a ceremonial than parliamentary function. I believe that parliamentary principle and process is more than adequately upheld by the existence and operation of the advisory group. I will gladly call a meeting, however, if there is ever a substantial request for one.

James Halbe

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ON THE GO: Invited by Britain's Ditchley Foundation, OPC Prexy **Hal Lehrman** will attend an Anglo-American conference on the Middle East June 7-10 in Oxfordshire. Later he'll make a month-long study swing through Europe (mainly Paris, Berlin, Vienna, Athens, Rome, Malta and Marjorca) to research magazine pieces and check in with OPC groups . . . **Dick Callahan**, editor-in-chief of 33 Magazine, a McGraw Hill publication serving the metals industry, sailed May 17 on the United States for a month-long tour of the British and European steel industries. His first stop will be an interview with Lord Melchett, new chairman of the British Steel Corp. . . . **Edna Mason Kaula** left May 15 for a six-months' research project in Japan on the development of its culture for a book to be published by World, which also brought out her "African Village Folktales," reviewed in the NY Sunday Times May 5 . . . **Elaine Shepard** back from a four-weeks' p.a. tour through five Southern states, where her talks on the Viet Nam war got front-page coverage. . . . **Walter Diamond**, manager of Peat, Warwick, Mitchell & Co., back from his second trip to Malta as UN advisor to help the government establish an export credit insurance system. He stopped en route in Yugoslavia to appraise the improving trade and investment climate for American companies. A story on Malta, written by his wife Dorothy, a free-lance writer and columnist, appeared in the travel section of the NY Times April 28. . . . **Louis Messolonghites** back from a South Pacific press junket via UTA French Airlines.

CHECKING IN: AP's **Joseph W.D. Novitski** from Brazil.

NEW POSTS: **Milton L. Kaplan**, who has been editorial assistant to **William Randolph Hearst, Jr.**, named executive vice president of King Features Syndicate . . . **Myra Waldo** has joined Family Circle as roving editor. She will continue as travel and food editor of



TOPPING:
Speaker at
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WCBS and food editor of This Week . . . **Peter J. Celliers** named foreign press co-ordinator for the Olympic Games in Mexico this fall, with **George Natanson** as assistant. Their offices in Mexico City are at Avenida Universidad 1330 and in New York at 677 Fifth Avenue. . . . A new College of Communication, to prepare graduates for "assimilating and transmitting ideas in a complex world," has been announced at Ohio University, with **John R. Wilhelm** as dean . . . **Otto Fuerbringer**, managing editor of Time for the last eight years, appointed to a new post as "chief explorer of Time Inc's interests and opportunities in the newspaper field."

ARTICLES: OPCers by-lined in June Reader's Digest include **David Reed** (with John Hubbell), "Korea: The War That Never Ended"; **Joseph P. Blank**, "The Fight for Julio Lucin"; and **John F. Reddy**, "Woody Guthrie: Father of the Folk Singers." . . . An excerpt from **Jean Baer's** new book, "The Single Girl Goes to Town" (Macmillan) in the NY section of McCall's under the title of "From an Insider's Notebook." . . . A full-page spread of **Yvonne Beaudry's** article on the Halles of Paris led off the feature section of the Baltimore Sun for Sunday, May 5 . . . **Jack Harrison Pollack's** "Cops Go Back to School" in May 19 Parade and lead article in May Today's Health on "5 Common Mistakes of Parents." . . . **Harold Rosenthal** doing a three-a-week sports column for the NY Daily Column.

BOOKS: **Dean Jennings**, whose book on Bugsy Siegel, "We Only Kill Each Other," is in its fourth printing and was bought by Paramount for a Tony Curtis movie, will have two more books on the stands this month: "Barbara Hutton - a Candid Biography" and "The Intimate Casebook of a Hypnotist," which he wrote with Los Angeles hypnotist Arthur Ellen . . . "Women! Business Needs You" by **William Laas** in collaboration with **Sabatino A. Russo, Jr.**, published by Popular Library. It tells housewives, mature women and other irregulars of the working population how to find work that suits their hours, family needs, economic situation, etc., and is being distributed in paperback by American Girl Service.

RADIO & TV: **Walter Kieman** of WOR-AM radio in Paris to send back in-depth analyses of the US-North Viet Nam peace talks.

HONORS: Secretary of State **Dean Rusk** has appointed OPC Prexy **Hal Lehrman** to the US National Commission for UNESCO . . . **Seymour Topping**, for-

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eign news editor of the NY Times, received an award for distinguished service in journalism at the 59th Annual Journalism Week at the U. of Missouri. Topping, an alumnus of the Missouri School of Journalism, spoke May 2 on "Foreign News Reporting - New Horizons." . . . Military historian and writer **Ed Hymoff** elected to the Institute for Strategic Studies in London for a period of 10 years. Ed, now completing his fifth Viet Nam military history, expects to return to the US shortly . . . **Warren R. Young** to be presented May 22 with the Strebig Memorial Award at the annual Aviation/Space Writers Association meeting for his feature article, "Ten Minutes to Live," which appeared in the Reader's Digest for May, 1967 . . . **James B. Faichney**, producer of a CBS news special on Viet Nam, nominated for an Emmy award by the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences . . . An article in the August 1967 issue of Science Digest entitled "Plastics: The Raw Material That Will Soon Make Nearly Everything," won first prize in the feature division of the Monsanto Editorial Awards recently for **Dick Dempewolf** and co-author **Morton J. Schultz**. The two shared a \$500 check; each received a plaque . . . **Thomas J. Kraner**, editor of Public Relations Journal, appointed to the national nominating committee of the American Society of Business Press Editors . . . **Henry Gellermann**, first vice president of Bache & Co., recipient of an award from the Ohio U. School of Journalism for "distinguished service in public relations." Presentation was made by **John Wilhelm**, the school's director.

SPEAKERS: AP's **Stan Swinton** and **Marquis Childs**, Washington columnist, were the chief speakers at a meeting of college editors from around the US held May 3-5 at Princeton U. . . . **Carl Bakal** was moderator of a panel of seven leading authors and editors who discussed opportunities in the children's book field at the Society of Magazine Writers' monthly meeting held at the OPC May 9.

HOSPITALIZED: **Beulah Harris** in North Shore Hospital, Manhasset, for surgery.